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To all Rebekah Lodges,

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sister Sharon Burgess has resigned as Rebekah Assembly Director because of conflicts with her work schedule. We thank her for her service on the Rebekah Assembly Executive Committee Board. I have appointed Sister Diana Schmiegel to complete the year. In May, there will be two openings for Director of Rebekah Assembly: One for a normal 3-year term, and one for the 1 year remaining on Sister Sharon's term.

Itinerary updates: My ODM for District 21 at Golden Rule #68 scheduled for October 11 has been changed to a visit to Azalea #117 on April 23 at noon.

There is a Halloween Party at the Fremont IOOF Hall from 3 to 6 pm on October 19.

The Reception for Grand Musician Ted Seitz is at the Hayward IOOF Hall at 11:30am on October 20. Lunch is \$5.00. Dress is casual.

RCS is having a Toy Drive. See <https://www.rcskids.org/get-involved/donate/>

On Saturday, January 4, we will have a Membership Seminar at the Rebekah Lodge Hall in Chowchilla. The title (at this point) is "Past, Present and Future of Rebekah Odd Fellowship". The committee for this seminar is Sister Karolinne Livingston, Sister Linda Hoelscher, and Sister Donna Miller. The President of IARA, Sister Mira Pittman from Colorado, will be our special guest. More information will be coming out soon!

At my visits to Rebekah Lodges in September, I distributed a flyer I created for helping lodges take advantage of the public attention around our Rose Parade Float. We know the float brings attention to the name of Odd Fellows because Google searches for the term spike after the Rose Parade every year. But attention cannot push members into our lodges. Our lodges need to get out into the community to pull those candidates in.

The flyer shows our next float with the official title "Chasing Our Dreams" expanded to
Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Are
Chasing Our Dreams

Of building a better world through Friendship, Love and Truth
followed by a couple paragraphs about Odd Fellowship. I have put the flyer on my page both as a PDF file and as a Word document so lodges can add more local information.

Please remember that I have created a web site at <http://www.burwur.net/IOOF/> to help with communications. You can also reach that page by clicking on the "President's Letters" button on the California Grand Lodge home page, www.caioof.org.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

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